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Thurs. 4th

Muhlenberg - Today have felt more comfortable than yesterday, & have been very busy most of the time about the house-our carpenter being sick. Commenced painting doors & of the house - Evening went out to select some timber for sawing.

Frid. 5th

Today completes our 6th month in this country, & we have great reason to adore & worship that God by whom we have been so mercifully preserved from disease in this hostile climate. Nor have we less reason to render him thanks for the favor which he has shown us in giving us prosperity in our work.

We have been so directed that the place which we have selected is I think a most advantageous one. We have a considerable space cleared & planted, & now have a comfortable house (almost completed) of two rooms below & two above with two small side rooms for stores.

Two reliable men as we hope have taken lots on the Reservation & are now in the employ of the Mission & another has made application for a lot.

The two Congo boys that did not return with the rest were brought in this morning, so that we now have the whole 40 native children with us, & all except one boy & one girl are in good health. The progress that they are making in learning the alphabet & English words is encouraging, while with the single exception of running away of the 11 boys they have not thus far given us much trouble.

Our native neighbors are very friendly & certainly very fair in their dealings considering that they are heathen. We hope to do them good.

The greatest opposition we have is from some of the Liberians at Mahlsburg; & yet we hope that even they may treat us and our enterprise with more fairness after a while.

Besides the 40 Congo children we have in our regular employ by the month 6 Kroomen - 1 Liberian (Sawyer), 1 Liberian (carpenter) A Liberian widow woman with 4 children & expect Miss Kilpatrick to join us in two or three days. Our Mission company therefore here & at Millsburg numbers 56. Besides these we have constantly several native men as well as Liberians employed at jobs of work.

We now have sweet potatoes redy (feady) for use that of our own planting on the Mission grounds, & our crop will I think be amply sufficient for our own use.

Wrote a <sup>letter</sup> ~~lter~~ to my wife - Wrote 2nd Quarterly Report. Too rainy to work out of doors.



Saturday 6th

Rainy much of the day. This morning we sent the whole 20 of our Congo boys to help Golla Billa the nearest native chief cut rice. They did so well that he wished them all to return on Monday. The Kroomen were cutting road to Millsburg for we still continue that work in hope that the Millsburg people will allow it to pass through to that place. Not very well. Considerable fever as I got out in the forest where we are making road.

Sund. 7th

At home - to rainy to visit either Millsburg or the native towns. In the afternoon I tried to teach the Congo boys to sing the first verse of the little hymn. "There is a happy land" - The(y) became able to repeat after me the words & a few of them caught up the tune. They were much pleased although they could not understand the words & our interpreter being absent I could not tell them their meaning. Indeed we have no one regularly employed as interpreter but have a civilized Congo hired to sew by the month & he is here mornings & evenings through the week & will soon move to our settlement & will then be with us on Sunday. We desire to have the children attain the English as fast as possible & therefore do not use the Congo so much as we otherwise would.

Mond. 8th

At home finishing kitchen store room &c.

Tues. 9th

Came to Millsburg to remove Miss Kilpatrick's goods to the Mission. Transported part of them across the river. Lodged at White Plains.

Wed. 10th

Very busy all day having sent, out to the Mission 30 loads - (by porters-our own men and boys) we reached the Mission after sun set, found bro. Heige(r)d well & had a pleasant evening talking of the prospects of our work.

Thurs. 11th

At home - Busy with a multitude of small things.

Frid. 12

Went to Millsburg in the afternoon & purchased one of the finest looking cows that I have seen in the country & also her calf from Mr Zachariah Outland for 31 dollars<sup>in</sup> specie.

Sat. 13th

The deputy Sheriff of this country having been ordered yesterday to take our carpenter Jacobs to Monrovia to be imprisoned for debt, requested me to endorse for Jacobs & thus have him the disgrace of the prison. I declined this but proposed that if both he & Jacobs were agreed to it I would pay over to the sheriff \$6 of Jacobs wages at the close of every month which he worked for the Mission till the debt about \$35 would be paid. The deputy agreed to stay further proceedings at present if I would go to Monrovia on Monday next & propose the same thing to the high sheriff. I agreed to do so.



Sund. 14th

At home.

Monday 15

Left home in the forenoon for Millsburg designing to come on to Monrovia after doing some business at several places along the river. Reached Monrovia at 4 o'clock & on approaching the wharf saw landing, nearly two hundred recaptured slaves that had just been brought off The "Cora", a slaver that was brought in yesterday with 750 slaves on board. Many of them appear to be of sprightly minds & healthy bodies. Others are afflicted much with diseases of the skin.

Called on the High Sheriff & told him what I proposed to do in the case of Jacobs and he replied that he would give me a definite answer tomorrow. Took tea with Rev. John Seys, & lady. A pleasant evening. No rain today - sun warm.

Tues. 16th

Paid off three of our Kroomen for three months each & hired one of them again. Mr. Miner, the sheriff did not call on me as he promised. The rain has been so constant today that I could do but little business. This evening called on Bishop Burns, my constant friend & fraternal collaborer in the Mission work, & spent the evening both pleasantly & profitably at his home. Came away refreshed & strengthened for duty. Certainly bro. Burns is a fraternal, honest, sensible & deeply pious man. I love him.

Wed. 17th.

The rain continued nearly all of last night accompanied with almost constant & terribly sharp & violent thunder. I could not sleep. Became nervous & feverish & the harsh clatter of the thunder produced a pain in my head. I am now convinced that we have along the seaboard here much more violent & severe thunder than in any part of the U.S. that I have been in. The effect on my system was not caused by the depressed state of my nerves, for my system is just now in good tone & I am as vigorous as I usually was at home.

Wed. 17th

Owing to the rain yesterday I could not get ready to go home today. Sheriff Miner agreed today to allow Mr. Jacobs to continue working for us if I will pay over to the latter 6 dollars per month of his wages. Made some purchases - had some long discussions with a few of the principal men here in regard to the condition & prospects of the country & the right policy to be adopted by missions.

Thurs. 18th

Closed up my Quarterly Report & mailed it to be sent to U.S. by the Prize "Cora" Also a letter to my wife & one to my sister Electa Anne.

Set out for home at half past 10 o'clock & reached Millsburg a little after sunset - After arranging some business there came on home - there being dim moonlight. But owing to a very heavy rain during the afternoon the path in places was filled to the depth of several inches with water & having only shoes on my feet became very wet. Found all well at home.



Frid 19th

Preparing a country house to use for morning & evening worship.

Sat 20

Part of the day at home & part at Millsburg. Came home late wetted with rain & weary.

Sund. 21st

Hitherto we have held religious services in our own dwelling although too small to accommodate all well, - because we had no other place - Having now put mats round a large thatched shed, we this morning had our services there. Only our own children & <sup>our</sup> one hired man were present - till near the close when about a dozen Golah's came & Miss. Kilpatrick gave them an hours instruction. Evening - feel sad in reflecting on my long absence from my family & in the life long absence of my darling boy. My dear little Samuel I can see you no more in this life! God grant me grace to bear this bereavement! God keep me faithful till I meet him above!

Mond. 22nd

This morning held for the first time our morning services at 6 O clock. We repeat & have the children repeat after us, the ten Commandments & the Lord's prayer - Sing a portion of a hymn & close with a doxology.

Tues. 23rd.

Hewing & sawing timber for frame of Chapel.

Wed. 24th

Cutting timber for Chapel & carrying it home, a distance of nearly one mile. Some of it being heavy & the road being bad the men soon became weary. This method of transportation - "Toating" - is both tedious & toilsome.

Thurs. 25th. T

Today while with our men getting timber near a "kitchen" or rice house where several persons were storing away their grained noticed a number of strangers coming in from the interior part of the country & soon after heard one of the women "Cry". I inquired the cause & was informed that she rejoicing at the arrival of her brother whom she had not seen for many years, & that she was also lamenting the death of many of her friends who had died in the same country where he had been. The "Cry" was unlike the usual lamentation for the dead - not having the same tone - accent nor being accompanied by the same gestures. This custom I have not observed before today but the headman ~~now~~ says it is prevalent in the country from which he brought his wife, & she adheres to it here.

Heavy rain this afternnon. Hot sun <sup>part</sup> ~~most~~ of the day.

Frid. 26th.

Bro. Heigerd has been sick for several ~~days~~ days past. Most of the time confined to the room & part of it to his bed.

Frid. 26th

Sawing timber for Chapel.

Sat. 27th

Not much done. Went to Millsburg, White Plains, & Harrisburg on business with several persons. - Heavy rain afternoon.



Sund. 28th

At home - Having our interpreter at home again we had services in the Congo house & I talked a long time to our boys, about the ten Commandments, which we repeat each morning - Much rain afternoon

Mond. 29

This evening I went to ~~the~~ <sup>see</sup> Mrs. Arnets little girl at Millsburg. She has long been suffering with an ulcer on her foot, & has recently become worse & is now indeed quite sick. She appears to be patient, & to confide in the Savior for Salvation.

Tues. 30th

Laid foundation of Chapel - Finished a Country house for Mrs. Arnet whom we have hired to assist in teaching & taking care of our Congo girls. No rain today - Sun warm.

Wed. 31st

Gave a Draft on the Treas. in favor of Chas. Cooper for \$50,- having purchased sugar fish &c from him for about half that amount & having the promise from him that he will pay the balance to me in specie on demand. - This evening one of our Kroomen & also one of the Congoes who have been sick for four days grew much worse. We have then both in our sitting room have bathed both in warm water & have administered medicine. The Krooman, an excellent youth quiet industrious, obedient, & cheerful, can speak a little English. He being much alarmed about his state inquired often today if I thought he would recover & this evening after coming in he said "Do tell tell me for true if I will get well." I ~~repr~~(l)ied that I could not tell, that I had been much sicker than he is & had recovered & I hoped he would. - that I would give him the best medicine I knew of & would pray for him & that he should pray that God would do with him ~~in~~ ~~what~~ what is best & would save him in heaven whenever he would take him out of this world. He replied that he did not know how to pray. I informed him in a simple manner how to present his requests to God in the name of our Savior & assured him God would hear him. He appeared more quieted & soon fell asleep. God help me to deal with these poor heathen.

#### November 1860

Thurs. 1st

Having had but little sleep last night I have been feverish today, but as the country house which we have built for Mrs. Arnet & also that designed for the Congo Girls are now ready to receive them I went to Millsburg this evening & brought up the 20 girls & part of Mrs. As effects & also some of our stores at the house which we have rented at M. There was heavy rain during nearly the whole walk to Millsburg & the grass and bushes in the lower part of the road which is yet in a bad state being very wet I became much wetted &, as the walking is very bad, much wearied. Congo boy Conrad better - Peter the Krooman still quite ill. Now in the room near me.

Frid. 2nd

A toilsome day. Rose early & sent off the men & boys to Millsburg to bring up the remainder of our stores & of Mrs. Arnets goods. After early breakfast I followed & did not return till between three & four o'clock having sent the men three trips in the meantime. On reaching home found that according to a previous arrangement bro.



Heigerd & Miss Kilpatrick had prepared dinner for our entire company or in other words for all connected with the Mission & also for a few of the natives. The table was set in the large Country House in which we have morning & evening prayers. The company consisted of our 40 Congo children & Kroomen - Our two sawyers one of their wives, Mrs. Arnet & four children - Our carpenter & wife & ourselves - three- & native chiefs besides some ten natives who chanced to be present. In all about 70 persons. After taking dinner our interpreter being present I addressed the company briefly & dismissed them. Perhaps it may be owing to weariness that tonight I feel a peculiar mental depression. An indefinable sorrow - Perhaps partly to a consciousness that during the exertions & vexations of the day I have given way to impatience. God help me to bear with meekness the trials incident to my situation here! Peter the Krooman still quite sick - Conrad the Congo boy also. One of the girls also is sick.

We now constitute a large family in all 52 besides some 7 or 8 others that are in our ~~Krooman~~ employ & are with us most of the time. Their large number requires much care & attention.

Sat. 3rd

Busy in making numerous little preparations for the cooking of food sleeping & instruction of the children - attending to the sawyers - planting a lot with Sweet Potatoes. Evening having our interpreter present I talked a long time to the children & seemed to get them interested in themselves - the rules that we have made for their observance & the duties that we require of them. At night commenced a letter for the Lutheran Observer.

Sund 4th

At home, had a pleasant Sunday. Exercises in the morning at 10 when our interpreter was present - singing exercises twice during the day. Afternoon a lesson in the catechism.

Mond. 5th

Planted Cassada patch - Prepared ground for Sweet Potatoes. Hired another man who understands sawing, planting &c so that he William can take the place of the Congo boys during school hours, & thus keep the saw going & can instruct the boys in planting during the hours of work.

Seven months since landing.

Sues. 6th

Preparing tools for carpenter. Laid on the sills of our chapel & thus commenced the frame. Afternoon a chill, quite sick - high fever this evening.

Tues. Nov. 13th—

I have now been sick one week - not too sick during the early part of last week to make any record here for I did write some during that time, but being unwell & having much to do this duty was neglected. We were preparing the Chapel frame for raising, we were hurrying to plant vegetables for the Dries, & were just introducing our regular order of daily exercises for the children. These are as follows: from 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  0 clock in the morning religious exercises - Repeat the Ten Commandments - Sing, Pray closing with the Lord's Prayer & concluding with a Doxology. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 Work - 9 to 10 breakfast, 10 to 1 School; 1 to 2 recreations; 2 to 5 work; 5 to 6 supper; 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  Evening Prayers - Recite Apostles Creed, Sing, Pray & conclude with doxology. From 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  or 8 we have lessons for some of our laborers.



I neglected or rather deferred taking medicine untill on Wed. afternoon when I was taken with the most violent chill that that I have ever experienced. It was followed by high fever attended with great distress in the head. About the same time on each day following till Mond. the chill returned in spite of all the efforts I could make to check it. One dose of Calomel operated freely, & all the duresics & diaphoretics that I used also operated promptly but still the chill returned.

Thanks to a merciful God the remedies have at last prevailed I again am almost free from fever. I ~~am~~ humbly acknowledge the hand of God in this affliction & confess devoutly that I needed to feel the chastening hand of a faithful but merciful Father. O may it prove a *blessing* helping to me indeed. May I be more meek, careful, & in all things more faithful to the cause of true piety. I should spend more time in secret prayer & in meditation on the Word & ways of God.

Wed. 14th

Raised the frame of the Chapel, the work is only tolerably well done. Bros H. & Sister K. both rather unwell, but still up most of the day. Bought 11 Kroos (half bushels) of Rice.

Thurs. 15th

A heavy rain last night, hot sun during the forenoon. Rain attended with a small amount of hail. Thermometer at 3 O'clock P.M. 81°

Frid. 16th

Ran a line from the S.E corner of the Mission Reservation 30 rods in the course of our South line so as to find the S.E. corner of the Mission Premises; as we wish to make some fences, along our lines.

This forenoon while our boys were bathing in the river one of them, S. S. Schmucker was drownn. A Golah man sitting on the bank says he saw him dive in the water & waited a long time to see him arise but he did not appear & he went to Tom the headman of a native town near by & reported it. The boys coming out & returning did not miss him, & I did not know of the accident for more than two hours. His body we have not yet discovered at 3 O'clock P.M. He was a fine promising boy & we deeply lament his loss.

Sat. 17th

Started for Monrovia in the forenoon but stopping at several places on the way did not arrive till evening, too late to attend to any business.

Sund. 18th

Forenoon preached in the Pres. Church & in the Meth. Church in the evening - Small audience in the morning - large one at night.

Mond. 19

Rose early but owing to heavy rain did but little business till afternoon. Called on Pres. Benson & ~~proposed~~ proposed to purchase from the Government a five acre lot on the Resefation which we need for a road & for the use of the water of Susan Creek which flows through it; but he cheerfully replied that he would donate it to the Mission & would execute a deed for it as soon as I would give him the number. Made purchases of various articles which we need for Mission use & for trade with the natives from whom we purchase our supply of rice.



Tues. 20th

Finished & mailed two letters for the Lutheran Observer - one to my wife & one to my little girls. Received from Mr. Seys his note for one hundred dollars & passed it to Mrs. Warner for Goods. The note was given on account of Boarding of Congo children with us, as the United States makes provision for them for one year. Left Monrovia for home at 11½ O'clock - stopped at Chas. Coopers & received a balance (due the Mission on a Bill of Exchange which I had given him) of \$28.87. Arrived at home at 8 O'clock in the evening - Tired. All well as usual - They have found the body of S.S. Schummucker the Congo boy that was drowned last Friday. An inquest was held & he is buried.

Wed. 21st

Rose this morning with melancholy feelings that have clung to me all day. Can have no interest, Seemingly in the work here. Long to return home to my family. My religious enjoyment is gone.

Thurs. 22nd

At work at the Chapel & various other things. Am yet sad and gloomy & cannot tell why. God have mercy on me & direct my ways.

Frid. 23rd

Have not felt well today - Some fever - Long to go home to my dear wife & children. Bro. Heigerd sick this evening. Planting frenia or Eddoes - Also some fruit trees.

Sat. 24th

Still working at chapel also planting vegetables - Hard rain.

Sund. 25th

At home all day - had several short services with Congo children natives here & our assistants in the Mission.

Mond. 26th

Busy in various duties all the day. The work at the Chapel progresses slowly. We are nearly done planting the ground that we have secured. Sun very hot - slight shower.

*Clear*

Tues 27th to Frid 30th

At home - working at Chapel - planting vegetables &c. Weather pleasant - a shower each afternoon generally. also a shower at night,

Sat.

December

1st

A clear day - Chapel almost ready for shingling - Vegetables nearly all planted - Two of the Congo girls very sick - Also Hannah Arnet, who has long suffered from an ulcer on her foot & who has been gradually sinking for four days past - She certainly cannot survive much longer - hardly till morning.

Sund. 2nd

Last night at 10 O'clock little Hannah Arnet departed peacefully & without a single struggle. She was sensible till the last & her confidence of acceptance with God through the Redeemer was unshaken. Last night I had little rest & today have been very much occupied as we made all preparations for the funeral within our own people. Our Kroomen & Congos dug the grave as we directed them & our carpenter made the Coffin



A considerable number of persons from Harrisburg & two from Millsburg attended the ~~funeral~~ funeral at 3 O. I am weary & not free from sadness tonight. I long to go home, although deeply interested in my work here.

Mond. 3rd

Received a visit today from Mrs. Burns, wife of Bishop Burns & Mrs. Outland of Millsburg. The weather dry & warm.

Tues. 4th

A fine shower of rain this evening. Atmosphere cool. Made some preparations to go to Monrovia.

Wed. 5th

This afternoon at 1½ O'clock left home expecting to lodge at Clay Ashland, but on reaching Millsburg I heard of the arrival of the Palmas here, & therefore concluded to come on down tonight - Reached this at about 8 O.

Received a number of papers & a letter from my dear wife. All tolerably well, but some way the reading of the letter upon the whole makes me very sad. Feel that I could not sleep if I were to retire though it is near 2 O'clock. Have examined many of the papers. Our ministers are wasting their time & distracting the church by useless discussions about ~~Gownphases~~ of Doctrine & forms.

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Eight months after landing

Thurs. 6th

At Monrovia. Not well. Settling and paying Kroomen & hiring others - also making various purchases, &c. Sent Boat to the Mission with some goods, while I wait to see what vessel is signalized hoping to get letters.

Frid. 7th

A German vessel came in. Also one from Boston - no letters for me. Preached at night in Pres. Ch. Retired sad.

Sat 8

Boat came down. All pretty well at Mission. Procured today a Deed for five acres more of land. Sect. No. 4

Sund. 9th

Forenoon preached at Baptist Church- Night M.E. Ch. Not well. Retire with fever & headache.

Mond. 10

To unwell to return home.

Tues. 11

Came home & found all pretty well - Thanks to the Lord!

Wed. 12th

Went out to an island in the river in front of our grounds to see if it would answer as a pasture for our cattle. The island is beautiful but not so well adapted to pasture as our own land.

Thurs. 13

Took another boy today a Golah - son of a headman some four miles above us on the river. Marked out some lines for fence of live sticks. Not well. The weather very hot. ~~Ther.~~ Ther. at 86°.



Frid. 14

Hearing that the M.C. Stephens had arrived at the Cape - & expecting that supplies & letters for us had come I came down this evening - & learned that a part of the goods ordered were on board. Received letters at Millsburg on way & read two long & cheering letters from my wife on the boat. Thanks to the author of all good my family are well - A letter from Dr. Sprecher in which he speaks cheerfully of the prospects of the Mission but in a discouraged ~~tone~~ tone in regard to Wittenberg College.

Sat. 15th

Not much of our goods landed, but sending the boat home with a ~~lad~~ to return on Monday, I remain to attend to other business but being unwell most of the day I have done very little.

Sund 16th

Sick most of the day & did not preach at all, but heard my constant friend Bishop Burns preach a very good sermon.

Mond. 17th

An English came here on Saturday night & it is supposed she has been sent to take away two small English traders that have recently been brought here by the Liberian war vessel - the Quail, under charge of having traded on Liberian territory without paying duty. The territory is that of the Gallinas which I have always thought to belong to the natives living there.

The captain of the steamer had an interview today with the Sec. of State but I do not know what was said; But from what the owner of the two little traders & the Capt. of the Man of War told me today I understood that they intend to leave tonight & to take the two vessels along. Moreover, this evening they, by means of the steamer's <sup>war</sup> ~~cover~~ boats, towed the vessels from their anchorage to the steamer. Sent the Liberian officers on board to the Quail that lay in the harbor & appeared ~~to~~ at dark to be making preparations to tow the vessels away.

I am sorry to say that only a few of the Liberians appeared much concerned about this affair. Only a few feel any true patriotism

Tues. 18th

After attending to various items of business I started for home at 12 O'clock & arrived here at 8 in the evening, having had a heavy load in the boat.

Wed. 19

Not well at all - Settled with shingle maker & paid them off &c. &c.

Thurs. 20th

This morning we have cold wind Ther. down to 69° at 8 O'clock -

Evening - Cool all day. We had a visit today from <sup>Revs.</sup> ~~Bros.~~ Hoffman of the Episcopal Mission at Cape Palmas & Gibson of the same Mission at Monrovia. The first is white and the other a black man, but both are sensible & pious men. & it a pity to spoil such men with the absurd doctrines of the Apostolic Succession & Churchianity. They took dinner with us & then I took them to Harrisburg.



Frid. 21st

Sick - in bed all day.

Sat 22 - Sund. 23 & Mond 24th

Sick most of the time confined to the room. Did some writing &C. on Mond.

Tues. 25th

Having heard that Mr. Beys the U.S. Agent for recaptured Africans desires to settle up this week with those who have Congoes, I designed starting this morning to Monrovia, but one of the Congo girls that has been sick ever since we took her died last night & we buried her remains this forenoon. This is our third funeral. Afternoon left the Mission accompanied by Miss Kilpatrick & taking the boat at our own wharf we rode down over the falls & arrived here (Monrovia) at sunset.

Dec. Wed 26th

Settled with Mr. Beys & took due bills to exchange to the Merchants for such articles as we may want - Called on Pres. Benson & obtained from him the permission that we should keep the Congoes that we have & should also continue to receive the means for their support provided by the U.S. Government after the Liberian Government shall receive the funds for disbursement, there being new arrangements now making in regard to the disbursing agent. Attended also to other business & at 1 O'clock started home. Miss Kilpatrick very sick part of the way - Reached home just before dark. Our Bell for our chapel having come on the Stevens & our chapel being now so far completed as to admit of using it we brought up with us the bell. It is 100 pounds weight & I think a good bell - the gift of the ~~XXXX~~ S.S. of the first Eng. Luther Church of Harrisburg Pa. Pastor Rev. Chas. A. Hay.

Thurs. 27th

Put up the bell in our Chapel & find it to be a good article it sounds well. Levelled the fall of the river for about 40 rods along the upper part of our front line & find the fall to be  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft. in the above distance. I prepare this evening to go to Carysburg tomorrow morning, to preach a few days.

#### Trip to Carysburg

Frid. 28th

Starting from Muhlenberg at about 8 O'clock in the morning I crossed over the river to Mr. Harrison's & after a call of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour set out for Carysburg with one (?).

Ten minutes walk South brought us to Ubo a little village of three or four houses - 10 min. more S.E. to Gomala's town - a little larger than Ubo - 20 min. South by W. to Millcreek-falls-running North - there also we found Zenas town - a small but thrifty native village of about 30 houses. 25 Min S. to Carysburg Road. 2 Min S.E. to a small branch running W. - 5 min. to a small creek running West - 50 min S. E. to a strong Creek rocky bottom running W. - 4 min. S. E. to house of Reubin Lewis imigrant from near Nat. Bridge Va. - 30 min to settlement of 7 houses - Settlers being from Richmond Va. appear to be doing well - one very neat little frame house.-25 min S by E to small branch (road thrown up) running North. 2 Min to a native town, Zodaque's a neat clean thrifty ~~xxxx~~ village of perhaps 50 houses.- 4 min to a Strong creek running S.W. 15 min S.E. to a large creek running W.-6 min. to a small creek running N. at which is the House of Mr. Stone-near which are the houses of a Mr. George Wadsworth & Mr. Stone all from Newbury Dist. S.C.-doing well. 10 min to a small



creek & bridge - 10 min. to a small creek running W., bridge Brick yard &c. near - about 10 min more to town of Carysburg.- Making in all about 3 & 50 min walk. & our course nearly S.E. The distance from St. Pauls river to Harrisburg about 12 miles.

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Frid 28 ) The highest point of Carysburg hill is such as to afford a view of the country for many miles in every direction - Several high points to the N., N.E. & S. can be very clearly seen although they are from 10 to 15 ms. distant.- Only a few buildings besides the Receptacles, are on the top of the hill as it is but narrow. But a large number of houses are on the hillside & in the valley below. In this place I can see no advantages for a settlement beyond what could have been found on either side of the St. Paul river within 5 miles of Millsburg. The land on which most of the town is located is lower than much of the surrounding country & the distance from the sea here is not as great as it is at our place. The water is no better here than in this part of the country generally. While I think the soil is hardly as good - timber just now is more plentiful than about Muhlenberg - but not more so than along the river a few miles above us. While therefore this is a fine country & the situation of the place is beautiful I cannot help feeling that a vast amount of useless expense has been incurred in transporting <sup>one</sup> three people and their effects to make a road here, when just as healthful & as advantageous situations in other respects could have been found at less than have(?) the distance from the head of navigation on the river. But so it is. May Carysburg prosper!

Preached at night in the M.E. Church here. Lodged with Mr. Dennis Col. Agent here.

Sat. 29th

Attended a funeral of a woman, who with her husband & a large family of children immigrated here from Chester Co. Pa. It is indeed a mournful sight to behold the funeral of one so lately settled in this heathen land, & the survivors mourning amid strangers.

Walked about the place visited the springs of water at the town & found them inferior to one that we have lately discovered at the foot of the hill on which our house stands. Iron ore appears to be plentiful at the town. Preached at night.

Sund. 30th

Preached in the forenoon & partook of the Sacrament. Heard bro. A. Miller preach in the afternoon & preached again at night. Intending early in the morning to start for Bro. Miller's Station & thence home.

Mond. 31st

This morning we rose at 2 O'clock & after taking a cup of coffee & some bread & butter we set out on the Carysburg road as it is called & as there was bright moonlight we walked without difficulty until we reached the point at which we had to turn off from the main road into a narrow path much obstructed by tall grass. This was very wet & made our traveling disagreeable - about 8 O'clock we reached Mr. Miller's place & remained a short time at the house that he has nearly completed. We then walked about 1 mile S.E. to Johnstown a native village of perhaps 50 houses under the care of a man reared by one of the Colonists. ~~There~~ procuring some rice & two chickens - a present from the headman John - we had our men prepare breakfast. About 10½ we again resumed our journey & reached Mr. Harris' at 2½ O'clock - thence I crossed the river home - some what weary - & better satisfied with the place which we have selected



than before I left home. For although I saw many beautiful & advantageous situations I saw none that I considered equal to ours for our purposes. Mr. Millers Station is I think well located. I find the people at home pretty well

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Jan Tues. 1st

With gratitude My Heavenly Father I now enter upon a new year - How manifold, how numerous, how great have been his blessings through all the past - I earnestly desire to live more devoutly during the just begun than I have ever done before. May Divine aid be afforded me so to do.

Wed. 2nd

Have not done much today - attending to Kroomen making fence - looking out timber for hewing - evening making out a bill of lumber - Afternoon wrote a letter to Rev. C. A. Hay - acknowledged receipt of the bell presented by the S.S.Soc. of his church to our Mission.

Thurs. 3rd. K

Forenoon busy at home laying off foundation of house (dwelling house as we intend devoting the one that we now occupy to the use of the children & assistants) & also attending to numerous other duties - Afternoon started down the river - to see several persons on the way & go on to Monrovia tomorrow morning. Lodge at Mr. Blacklidges - one of the most thrifty farmers on the river. He thinks that he will gather this year about 2000 lbs of Coffee. He also has a fine crop of Cane & a small mill of his own.

Frid. 4th

This morning rose before 5 O'clock & set out for Monrovia. Consulted a physician in regard to the care of the daughter of Mrs. A. our assistant. Procured Marriage license for Mr. Heigerd & Miss Kilpatrick. Had an interview about the opening of a road from our place to Millsburg. We in my requested Dr. Moore judge of the Supreme Court to expound the law to the subject to the township Commissioners. Perhaps after all their opposition at Millsb. we may have the road - Lodge at Mr. Palms tonight it being late & very dark - this place is one mile or more below Millsburgh.

Jan. Sat 5th

Rose early this morning & started - with our loaded boat for Millsburg - there & on the opposite side stopped to see some persons whom I wish to employ. Reached home at 2½ O'clock - bringing up the boat over the falls to our wharf. Find Mr H. & Miss K. & also the children well. God be praised for his mercy.

Sund. 6th. Forenoon had exercises in our little chapel - the interpreter being present. The children improve in many ways. Afternoon. Short exercises with the children, & also a short bible lesson with our assistants. At the close of these exercises I performed the marriage ceremony of Bro. H. & Miss K. Only our(n) own people were present - except a few persons who had come to the afternoon meeting & as the meeting was not dismissed till after the marriage they witnessed the ceremony. All departed themselves very well. I have a strong confidence that this will prove a happy union & will contribute to the welfare of our Mission. May God help the married pair. Evening wrote a letter to my dear wife.



Mond. 7th

A busy day but have accomplished but little - Another carpenter, having come, have to prepare tools &c. Commenced to lay foundation of our house as I have not been able to procure a mason. Slept but little last night & owing to the disagreeable duty of flogging near a dozen of our boys & 4 of the girls this morning have felt sad all day. They were guilty of theft & lying & so ~~exasperated~~ persisted in the latter that I thought it best to punish severely. I spent some time talking with them afterwards & hope that they are in a slight degree penitent. These things constitute our hardest trials.

Tues 8th.

Last night Susan Mary Arnet who had lately been suffering greatly from dropsy became much worse. & going in to see her I found her in a sort of stupor, & not inclined to entertain thought of religion, while her mother who had been urging the duty of repentance & faith for weeks past was in deep distress on account of the state of her daughter. I talked a short time with repeating some portions of Scripture & especially dwelling on the parable of the Prodigal Son & leaving her for a while & returned & again spoke to her of the same subject. She inquired whether the way of salvation were so simple & plain as set forth in that parable & then repeated what I have told her before; that there was no reason why she should not just then accept it & be saved. At this she raised up her hands exclaiming, "I never understood it so before, but I rejoice that I see it now. I know Christ will save me. I will be saved". I interposed "You are now saved as you believe on him." She gazed inquiringly at me for a moment & burst into tears. ~~of grief~~ But these were not the tears of grief but of joy. Then turning to her mother she said "mother I do not fear death - I am ready to go tonight." Thus she continued to rejoice for some time, but seeing her little sister sleeping near her, she said feared Ellen was not safe & she prayed for her sister & little nephew. This morning she continues calm confident & joyful although her sufferings are terrible. I sometimes wonder that God so often causes success to attend his word through me for indeed I am very unworthy & unbelieving myself. This parable had so frequently caused the drooping ~~depending~~ desponding to enter into salvation that always resort to it in such cases. God be praised!

This afternoon at the request of Susan M. Arnet I, after receiving her profession of faith in Christ & her determination to continue in his service forever administered to her the Communion & promised as soon as we should organize here to enrol her name as a member of the Church.

Nearly finished laying the foundation of the dwelling house. Am however not very well. Some rain this morning - cloudy most of the day - Thunder & lightening during the morning, last night & night before.

Wed. 9th

Finished foundation of dwelling house - Commenced painting the boat which has become much scarred and reiffled(?) on the rocks. Commenced raining about 1 O'clock at first slightly but afterwards fell rapidly & continued during the greater part of the afternoon.

Thurs. 10th

Commenced framing Mission house - I lay it off myself as our workman do not understand it. They make so many mistakes that much timber is wasted & the work has a bad appearance when done. Night wrote Third Quarterly Report to the chairman of the Committee. We have drawn from the Treas. since landing \$390.79.



Frid. 11th

Painting boat & laying off ~~work~~ work for carpenters, forenoon, & afternoon preached funeral of Mr. Morten an immigrant from the State of Ky. who has been in Liberia since four years - lived at Harrisburg, & worked for us a month or too in the early part of last rains. He was a quiet inoffenseive man - a member of the Pres. Ch. & I think a man of piety. He died in peace & in confident reliance on Christ.

11th ~~XXX~~

Sun war<sup>m</sup> today - Thermometer 84° during the afternoon - Rain tonight. Perhaps this is what may be called the Middle Rains.

Sat 12th

A rainy day - could not work much out of doors. Wrote about 17 pages of foolscap of records of the Mission. That is accounts of the beginning of the work here - its progress & I hope to continue the account some further & leave the book for others to refer to & also to continue the record as the history of the Mission may make it necessary.

Sund. 13th

Having promised to preaching this morning at Millsburg I walked down & attempted to fulfil the engagement but not being well & feeling very dull my effort was feeble - walked back home immediately but felt much wearied - Afternoon had short exercises with the children & Chatechetical class afterwards the class ~~was~~ being composed of our assistants here. The exercises were interesting to all, as I think. Evening, examining some of the girls who are sick I began to fear that they are taking Small Pox. They have high fever - are distressed with nausea & humorous(?) postules appear on two of them. Having no knowledge of this disease I cannot determine whether it is or is not what now affects those of us who are sick; nor do I know what remedies to make use of. We are in the hands of God & rejoice that we are.

Mond. 14th

Finished the Records up to Jan 6th 1864. Laid out a little more work for the carpenters. ~~One~~ girls are still very sick, but I think the disease is not Small Pox.

Tues. 15th

Commenced work in the morning early - laying off work for carpenters & putting sills on foundation - but not being well & the sun being very hot I became very sick - took chill - then high fever, with severe pain in the head - Weather very hot - Dense fog in the morning - followed by clear sky ~~xxx~~ & hot sun.

Wed. 16th

Feel a little better this morning - Sun very hot - Thunder shower last night - Worse evening.

Thurs. 17th

Had a very - Tried to work some - could not - Fever all day & all evening - Did not sleep till near morning.

Frid. 18

Slept ~~none~~ <sup>none</sup> last night till after 3 Oclock - Fever & sickness or nausea. Worked today as it was necessary to lay of work for carpenters - hired another carpenter this morning - have three now. Am tired & feverish, but have catichetical class tonight.



Sat. 19th

At work on the frame of the house. Evening went to Harrisburg; & being much urged to return tomorrow morning & preach I agreed to do so. Feel tired & not altogether well - as I was in the hot sun much of the day.

Sund. 20th.

This morning before sunrise I was delighted to hear our Mission children sing portions of three hymns, which we have been teaching them. They knew it was Sunday morning & before the six O'clock bell rang, they were anxious to be out & to have on their Sunday clothes, in which they take great delight. It is pleasant to notice any evidence that our teachings are producing good effects. As the husbandman is cheered to observe the tender shoot coming forth from the seed he has sown, so we are encouraged by the little signs these children give of improvement in any way. ....Went to Harrisburg & preached a very inattentive congregation, being a communion service, or "Big Meeting" as it is here called. There were many persons present from the settlements down the river & as many came merely to see & be seen. They arrived late & came in after the service had begun & until near its close, thus causing much confusion in the congregation, & annoyance to speaker & hearers. I could not secure attention so as to benefit the people. We had Communion after preaching, & then just at the close of the ~~service~~ <sup>meeting</sup> a rain came up that detained us till late in the afternoon, obliging us to wait for dinner & thus contribute to this faulty practice of loitering about the houses nearest the church & taking dinner with the residents. During the rain however I had opportunity of consulting Dr. Mc Gill whom I met at Mr. Harrisons, in regard to the case of Susan Mary Arnet, who has been suffering for many weeks from dropsy. He advised one or two things additional to what I have been doing & I have since coming home prepared the articles recommended, but I fear all will be in vain.

Mond. 21st.

A warm day - clear most of the time - At work on the house frame & getting timber.

Tues. 22.

Could not sleep last night - thought much of home & of the work here - anxious to go home Stevens or some other ship soon, but cannot see how I can get ready. Some rain during the night. Rose early this morning, laid off work for carpenters - went up river about a mile to see if there was some suitable place at which to take out water from the river for mill. Think I found one - bush too thick to examine sufficiently - came home - painted a little at the boat finishing it & putting in new oarlocks &c. Evening wrote a letter to Luther S.S. Paper & also one to Rev. Geo. Whipple of New York. It rained a shower tonight - now cool - tis late.

Wed. 23rd

Selecting timber for sawyers - laying of work for carpenter - sun very hot - Evening writing till 11 O'clock.

Thurs. 24th

Two carpenters sick could not do much at the house - therefore took boat & came down to Millsburg, White Plains &c calling on business at several places & lodge at Mr. Blackliges.



Frid. 25th

Rose at about 3 O'clock took boat & came to Monrovia by a little after sunrise - busy all day making purchases - settling accounts &c for as I have now concluded to go home on the Stevens if possible I see it necessary to begin in time to settle up. Tonight finished a letter to my dear wife, & prepared to remit it & one or two more by way of England next month.

Sat. 26th

Rose early & made effort to get off home early, but did not leave Monrovia till near 11 O'clock. The tide being unfavorable we made rather slow speed & having to stop often on the way we could not reach Millsburg till near sundown. On ~~reaching~~ reaching Mr. Fosters I learned that our cow having escaped from the pasture & went to Millsburg was wounded with a spear. I took two of the men & went in search of her by moonlight - found her & seeing that a part of her entrails protruded from the wound I supposed it about as well to have her butchered at once as she is in good condition. I told two of the men that they might have her, except that they must give our men each a mess of the meat. These Millsburg people are less courageous than the Sepoys of India not long since showed themselves to be but they are perhaps equally cruel & degraded.

On reaching home I found bro. Heigerd quite sick & Susan M. Arnet sinking rapidly. She cannot I think endure long. Thus ~~am~~ I ~~am~~ ~~perplexed~~ perplexed & often ~~try~~ tried, but God has been abundant in Mercy to us - & I praise his name.

Sund. 27th

Bro. Heigerd a little better - Susan M. Still weaker I have ceased giving her medicine as I think it useless. I have now been absent from my home a little more than one year & one week, & am indeed anxious to return to my dear family. Yet I fear that I can hardly bring things to such a state as to be able to leave on the Stevens. God in mercy direct me.

Mond. 28th

Raised part of the frame of our house this afternoon, but did not get done as we began late. I worked very hard as our men do not know much about such work & we had no help but our own hired men.

This evening at 8½ O'clock Susan Mary Arnett departed peacefully without a struggle, & in happy assurance of future bliss as her portion forever. I am weary & sad & do not feel well. I long for rest - for home - the toils & trials of my position here are numerous, & often weigh me down. But let me not complain. God give grace to be patient & faithful - I need it much.

Tues. 29th

A toilsome day to me. Bro. Heigerd being unwell & there being much to be done, I was necessitated to keep on my feet constantly. The frame of our house being in part erected, was in such a condition as not to admit of its being left without further securing it. The grave for Susan Mary's remains had to be dug - the coffin made &c all must be superintended. One carpenter made the coffin well without my assistance, but the boys could not properly sink the grave without my presence & aid. No one at home can form anything like a proper estimate of the the toils through which one in my situation here are called on to endure. This night I feel weary & sad. Have been long from home, & yet with all the effort that I can put forth



to hasten our work, it goes on so slowly that I fear I shall not be ready to go home on the Stevens next month. If not I will patiently wait for another opportunity. I will try to wait patiently.

Wed. 30th.

At home - working at house. Warm & dry day.

Thurs. 31st

Having engaged some canoes to bring up to the Mission, some of our building material, & being disappointed by them I left home this afternoon in our boat & came down to Monrovia to carry up a part of it & make arrangements to have the remainder taken soon. Reached Monrovia at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  this evening, tired & hungry.

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Frid. 1st

Returned from Monrovia, calling several places on the way, & reaching home about sun-set. I found that on account of fear of being drafted to go on an expedition that the government had under-taken against some one of the small tribes near Cape Palmas, all our carpenters had left their work & gone to the country. We had four only a few days since & now none are at work. I learn that two have gone to Monrovia to embark on Monday next, but the other two will perhaps return on Monday to their work. I found while at the Cape that the expedition is very unpopular, many being of the opinion that the movement is unnecessary, as it is only to settle a quarrel between two native tribes or factions.

Sat. 2nd

Having some time since applied to Pres. Benson for his assistance in opening the road between this & Millsburg, & being referred by him to J. M. Moore Attorney General of Liberia, I today went to Clay Ashland ~~and~~ & procured from him a letter of instruction to the Commissioners of Millsburg advising them at once to proceed in locating the road. I brought the letter myself to one of the commissioners & demanded a conference with them on the subject. He, Wiley Kennedy, agreed to notify the rest of the Commissioners to meet me on next Monday at 11 O'clock. It being already dark when I reached Millsburg I had a tedious & toilsome walk home through the forest. But while I feel much fatigued I am rejoiced at the prospect there now is of opening a road. May God dispose these people to discontinue their opposition to the movement & direct me aright in my efforts to promote it!

Sund. 3rd

Not having our Congo interpreter here today I had brief exercises with the children in the forenoon & in the afternoon went to Balla's town & also to another small village taking our Golah boy John Bachman along as interpreter & spoke to the people at each place. Returned about sun-set much fatigued.

Mond 4th

This forenoon according to arrangement made on Saturday evening, I repaired to Millsburg & met the Commissioners who now had decided on locating the road without further trouble. We proceeded to the place at which I had left off cutting some time since, & they agreed to let the road go on exactly as I had been making it. Our Kroomen therefore proceeded to cut out the path, & set stakes. We cut through to the Millsburg road about three o'clock & the Commissioners agreeing to the entire rout we separated with good feelings. Thanks to the Lord this trouble I hope is over.



Tues. 5th

Night on the right bank of the St. Pauls river - Encamped in the forest.

This morning at 8 O'clock I set out on a tour interiorward to make some further examination of that part of the country. Mr. B. Foster a yellow man - a Liberian - Jack our head Krooman, John Bachman one of our Golah boys, Jolla ~~me~~ Foster's Golah boy & myself constituted the company. Leaving the Mission house we passed back through the Mission lands - into the path to Bagna. (I am trying to write by the light of a bamboo torch but as the bamboo is only partially seasoned & will not burn I must defer writing till morning.

Wed. Morning 6th at daylight

We have been preserved another night by him who never slumbers nor sleeps, & I hasten before leaving this spot to note down something of ~~your~~ yesterday's travel.

From the Mission to the first town through which we passed the distance is about three or four miles - much of the land is hilly & rocky but well timbered & well watered. This little village situated near the river & on the bank of a large creek is owned by one Zoda, who was once a slave to Capt. Caumont, was with him when his great factory was broken up at Cape ~~Nit~~. He had acquired the Spanish language & speaks it yet. Our Boy John Backman who is with us is his son, & a little before reaching the town we were met by some of his other children, John's bro. & sist, who most warmly greeted him with Ah-tu-ma - I am glad to see you often repeated. The direction from Muhlenberg to Zoda's town is a little north of East.

Going on from Zoda's we walked about 6 miles mostly through a country that had been cultivated not many years ago, when we reached Bagna, this town located immediately on the bank of the river is the place at which I lodged one night about 10 months past. I found that Byzena "who was then chief, was now dead, was buried in the midst of the village & a neat house erected over the spot. The <sup>old</sup> part of the structure were white washed & a platform of clay as large as the house was raised about 2 ft. high. A musket was planted muzzle downward in this platform immediately over the chiefs head. I found his brother now chief of the town unwell but he received us kindly. We asked to buy a little rice to cook on the way, stating our design to go on as far as we could towards Geary a town said to be "far far up country". All dissuaded us. "Spose we pass this place we must sleep paff" (path) - "Elephants live that side - the paff wa-wa" (bad & C. & C. They all said however/there was one "Half-town" far up on the path - that is a town not independent but a part of a chiefs domain who lived at a different place. But all likewise said that we could not "catch" (reach) that town till after we would sleep. But as these people are always desirous to detain travellers & as their ideas of distance are very indefinite I determined to push on & "sleep paff" if it would prove necessary - hoping however to reach the half town. Leaving Bagna a little before 1 O'clock, we struck off from the river over a sort of table land covered with primitive forest & ~~centered~~ <sup>crossed</sup> by a beautiful creek which seemed to wind from side to side of the valley & which we were obliged to cross about 10 or 12 times. After about one hours walk the land became more & more rough - now a low ~~savannah~~ <sup>savannah</sup> somewhat boggy then a peak covered with rugged rocks. This whole region for some 10 miles has inferior soil & although the timber has not been destroyed by clearing it is small



The path during the whole distance from Bagna is so obscure as to be followed only by constant attention. The surface being generally covered with shrubs, wild cane & in the marshy places by various kinds & swamp growth, the only guide to the traveller in following the path is the somewhat worn condition of the upper side of the roots that lie across the path or on the *swail* the tracks of people & of cattle that have passed through from the upper country to the settlements.

About 5 o'clock in the evening we came to the river bank having not seen the stream since leaving Bagna. The soil became better and the creeks more frequent at the place where we first approached the river there is an island apparently pretty large & we heard natives talking on it. The path also became more distinct affording us hope that we were in the vicinity of the village at which we wished to lodge & we therefore pushed on to reach it if possible before sunset, for in this deep forest & on a blind path such as we followed there could be no travel after the light of the sun had departed. Just at sunset we came to a place where others had encamped & we at once decided on logging here till morning. Those who have been here had made a platform of bamboo sticks about 18 inches high & had left a little dry wood near the place where they had cooked. We had no matches - A gun was fired off at once the wadding caught fire & soon a faint blaze began to consume the dry bamboo. Not expecting to camp out we had with no pot for cooking ~~we~~ except one little travellers pan which held only one pint - by filling this often however we made out to cook a sufficient quantity of rice for all & a little roasted cassadie & a little boiled bacon that I had brought from the Mission completed our fare.

As I could not write for want of light we concluded to retire. I read a portion of Scripture, sang a hymn, in which Foster joined me - & then prayed to Our Heavenly Father for his mercy & goodness to be continued unto us, as hitherto. Perhaps this forest never before resounded with the voice of prayer & praise.

After prayer we all retired & lay on the bamboo platform already prepared when we came & the others prepared similar beds for themselves. Monkeys and night birds disturbed our rest but I slept about as much as I am accustomed to do at the Miss.

This morning we cooked a little refreshment partook of it - sang a morning song to God & sought his blessing in prayer & at a little after 7 O'clock set out on our journey. - In less than one mile we came to one of the most beautiful creek that I ever saw - the water very clear - ran rapidly over a bottom of Greenitie rock. Soon after we saw "old farms" on the left. Our course was a little North of East & along the bank of the river, which for some miles appeared to be calm there being no falls. Soon however we heard the roar of rapids above & approaching the place we found that here as well as elsewhere on the river center spread widely over rocks parted into numerous streams forming many small islands and running furiously over this rugged surface - Ascending a ridge which formed a bluff on the river we came suddenly upon a troop of Monkes (perhaps 20) of the large red species. They soon mounted to the tops of the tall trees & although our boys at once pursued with their guns they could not get a shot at any of them. Descending from this ridge we drew near the river & crossing a <sup>creek</sup> trail we saw tracks of elephants that had perhaps come down for water. Our direction was still a little east of north the river having the same course. Another rapid place - ~~Rest~~ Stratified dip about 45° strike N.E. as it is nearly every where along there falls. We now passed through old farms & fine country & at 9½ O'clock reached the "half town" of which an old woman - is really chief - but her brother Golla Batola acts in her stead, I now began to feel the need of taking medicine & the boys wished to hunt some in the neighboring woods as this is about the wildest part of the country we shall see. ~~THANK~~ Here, therefore after the usual interview with the headman I took about 10 grains of Calomel & retired in a little hut 8 by 10 while the boys went to the forest & Foster went to the river to fish.



I The medicine operated but not freely - I was very sick all afternoon & much of the night • I need not record <sup>here</sup> the long "palaver" in town about "breaking" the town & removing to another place - the numerous little offices of kindness shown - the nightly dance - nor morning greetings when the people arise. On account of having taken Calomel I did not commence on our journey till late.

Thurs. 7th

After dashing - (presenting a gift) to the headman & calling his people together to worship & a short discourse we started for Gevey although I still had fever & was much weakened by the medicine & fever of yesterday & last night. Our way led through alternate "Old Farms" & tall forests, over hill & through valleys now & then crossing a bog & about every half hour meeting with a beautiful stream of fresh water. Monkeys & birds, but nothing more in the way of game - Twice we drew near to the river & heard the roar of the falls. The last of these is near Gevey the town at which I now write. These rapids were only on a small part of the river there being many branches & islets. The rocks very rugged but mostly in great masses and often conglomerate - at one place for a short distance were stratified & perpendicular - standing at one place below one part of the falls & with my feet only a few inches above the water I looked up stream & when erect my eye was exactly in a line with the surface of the water above. The distance covered by this fall was perhaps 4 rods. Soon after this we came to what is called the "Big Path" - the road from Monrovia to Bopora, & in a little time more only a minutes walk we were in the town of Gevey. We met the chief, enjoying his pot of rice by the side of the first house we came to. At once I told him through our boy John Brackman of the object of our visit - our wish to go further on tomorrow & our desire to lodge here tonight. He seemed pleased - pointed out a house for us & soon after sent me some rice & fishes. On leaving him I promised to see him again this evening which I will fulfil if my fever does not run too high. Had some fever all day & for one hour it has increased rapidly.

Our lodgings place is a mud hut black with the smoke of years - Round in shape with a heaped roof - a door way on one side & a hole to admit light on the other - which latter opening is about 18 inches square - A pile of dried clay on an side raised 18 inches & flat on the top is the bed. Not a chair nor yet a stove is here. I sit on one of our small travelling bags & write on the upturned end of my valise. African fever is not pleasant at any time - & is unwelcome when traveling & can do nothing to cheer so gloomy an apartment as this. This town though small & dilapidated is a place of much traffic as it is situated on the "big path" Numerous porters are here going both ways with great bundles of native produce & American goods. Many of the people speak English pretty well - The chiefs son was a long time in the family of Gabriel Moore a trader at Monrovia.

Frid. 8th I

Too sick to write or travel.

Sat. 9th

A little better today - was very sick yesterday all day - & most of last night. Could keep no medicine on my stomach yesterday. Have been looking around the town this morning - the country is good soil much better than at several other places on the way. Have tried to get some men to carry me to the next town on the big path below, as I have now determined not to go further inland. The time till the sailing of the Stevens is only 10 or 15 days & I must hasten home. I therefore thought I shall try to walk to the next town this afternoon.

Evening 5 O'clock, Moidea, Leaving Gevey about one o'clock we walked in a south westerly direction for about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours when we reached this place the headman of which is called Jolla-Kpah, but he being absent one of the citizens furnished us lodgings & provisions. The country through which we came during



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this last stage is for the most part more level & the soil more sandy than that of our trip upward. We however crossed one high and rugged hill which I think abounds in iron ore. Timber tolerably good - Water very good & abundant. We crossed some ten small streams, all clear cool water flowing freely over a bottom of light yellow sand except one which ran by the foot of the large hill - It tumbled along over granitic rock the same as most of the streams seen going up. The people here appear very kind & are interested & delighted with the idea that we will spend the Sunday with them. The town is not so large as Gevey but is better built & the houses are also newer. The one appointed to us is not so blacked with smoke as to be unpleasant - at least not like the one I lay two nights & one day in at Gevey. There are here two large kitchens about 20 by 30 ft well covered the earthen floor raised some ten ft. above the ground. From Gevey to this place there is no clearing on the path. Thanks to my Heavenly Father I feel much better than I did this morning & I now hope that I may get rid of this fever. We had a slight shower of rain this evening just after getting into our place of lodging. It was preceded by thunder & a wind from the South West.

Sund. 10th Noon.

Rested tolerably well last night but ~~have~~<sup>had</sup> slight fever all night & it still continues - I have taken two doses a Quinine & I hope two more greatly lessen or perhaps dispel it. This morning could eat but little - only a little boiled rice with no dressing but salt, & a little coffee made in a tin cup. After breakfast I called the people together in one of the large kitchens & spoke to them at some length through our boy John who seems able to interpret to the people of this town better than Foster as they are mainly from the interior & do not speak the Golah as it is spoken by the natives about Millsburg & the Mission. I commenced by speaking of God who made all things - (lastly man) - then of the fall - & of Christ's death in man's stead & also explained portions of the Gospels relative to salvation in Christ. Showing that way was prepared for their salvation - that they too could pray to God through Christ. In conclusion I inquired whether they had ever heard of these things before & they replied that they never had. I then told them that they had now heard today & that if they did not believe in Jesus & pray to him & repent of sin so as to be saved they could not in the judgment plead that they had never heard of the right way. Many appeared serious, but their impressions I fear are not lasting. The sat quietly & appeared to be delighted with our singing. After these exercises I retired & read a while & was edified. Have had joyous feelings in view of the endless Sabbath which I hope to enjoy when my toils & trials are over. It is notwithstanding heart rending to me to look around on all these grossly ~~is~~ ignorant & degraded people - Oh when! When shall the heathen of this vast country be enlightened & converted to God. These sights greatly stagger our faith.

Evening - Have suffered from nausea all afternoon - Can eat little of anything that I can procure here. Still have slight fever - & feel very weak. I saw here today a club-footed - or rather crooked footed man, the first case of deformity that I have seen among the Golah tribe. His feet turn inward so that the soles are uppermost & he walks on the tops of his feet. He wears small sandals made of the elephants' hoofs & can walk rapidly. About 50 porters or more have today passed downward with huge burdens of Camwood Country Cloth & a much larger number perhaps 100 have either passed through or have stopped here for the night on their way upwards to Boporah. Most of them are slaves & hired men of ~~Monrevia~~ Momora chief of Boporah who is now down at a small town on the big path, in the Dey country a few miles from the seaboard. Much of this salt is made by the Dey tribe & sold by them to ~~Monrevia~~<sup>Monrevia</sup>. He usually comes down about the month of Jan & remains some weeks to trade. The ~~people~~ people



here say that the trade passing now is small as it is the time of farm cutting & that in the rains it is much greater.

We have been told several times that Momora is expecting a war with Fala Canque the most wealthy of the Golah Chiefs, who lives not far from the place where Momora is now stopping. These reports however are frequent & perhaps are groundless.

We must now have evening services & retire. May God if it be his will restore my health to reach the Mission & prepare for sailing on the Stevens.

Mond. 11th

Morning. Sunrise. - Having now paid my host for the use of our lodgings we are about to have morning prayer & depart. The 60 porters going upward are on their way. Poor fellows they have a hard life - their fare being Cassada almost exclusively - this a root or vegetable about as nutritious as Irish Potatoes they roast or boil & with a little salt make out their daily fare. We are now on the dinding ridge between the St. Pauls & the strems farther northward - the last creek that we crossed on Sat I find flows round the hill on which Moidea is built & runs off to the northward. We will cross it again on leaving this place.

At half past 7 Oclock we set out for Moidea & travelled in nearly a South West course for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours about 10 miles - through a comparatively level country with sandy soil & sparse timber of a good quality but abundance of scrubby bush. Streams not so numerous as in place opposite in our upward trip - nor was it so clear & cool - We often passed Old Farms. On our way we met Mambou the younger brother of Momora, chief of Boporah - & purchased from him his spear telling him that I wished to take it to Big America to show to my people. Also ~~brought~~ <sup>got</sup> some other articles from his people. Mambou is a tall youthful man of good proportions - sharp features & rather yellow or of copper color - his air is dignified but frank & he speaks English pretty well - On our way we passed a small cluster of huts but ~~did not stop~~ till we reached Bough a small but pretty well built native village. There I partook of some food I had carried along & the people provided my men with a little rice.

Passing on from Bough we again travelled  $1\frac{3}{4}$  hours to Bowgia. This town ~~drives~~ <sup>derives</sup> its name from an immense vine growing in the bottom just below the town. It is about 10 inches in diameter at the thickest place & carries its size for about 75 ft. part of the way on the ground & part elevated some ten or twelve feet then branching its various parts spread over an immense space of ground. I noticed one branch about 4 inches in diameter suspended on the tops of the lower growth of trees at least 100 ft without variation in size & without throwing of a single shoot. Bowgia is not a large town but appears to be old & is Barricaded. Though the barricade is now somewhat old & decayed. The gates are made of immense slabs or puncheons hewn from large logs. The doors of the ~~houses~~ <sup>houses</sup> are generally of the same kind. Here I saw the first pottery that I have seen in Africa though I have often seen the ware. A youthful woman seated on the ground under a shed had a board before her upon which was her clay & a half finished specimen of her art in her hands - turning the vessel round with the one hand she (?) the other freely & held it steadily over the clay shaping it as she wished. She had no vessel burnt ready for sale but a considerable number ready for the kiln. From Bough Bogia our path ran along a pretty high ridge abounding with iron ore, some specimens of which I carry along. From ~~Ba~~ <sup>Bugia</sup> to Summa is about two & a half hours' walk - the path leading apparently along the top of a comparatively narrow ridge most of the way - occasionally however descending into a ravine in which we would meet a stream of good water. One hill appeared to contain a large quantity of a sort of Green Stone. Summa is an old town of considerable note but is rather small & in a state of decay - the barricade is allmost entirely wrotted down. Gaytuma the chief not being at home, we could get no satisfaction from the people about the road. They only zealously declared that Momora was king for the whole country & kind of



that place. They were all from Momora's country & perhaps sent here by him to keep open the path for his trade. My men could not talk much with them.

They declared we could not reach any other town on either of the two roads leading S. Westward today. But regardless of these declarations, we started on the Big Path. A heavy rain came up in which we travelled about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour & reached this little town or half town which has no name, being one of the Gaytuma fillages & occupied mainly by his slaves & the people making farms in the vicinity. Here we lodge to-night. Having made a good fire in a tolerably comfortable hut we dry our clothes.

Tues. 12th

This morning on ~~xxx~~ leaving the little half town, we had a wet path to travel for some distance on account of last night's rain.

The first 15 minutes walk brought us into another half town, situated in a Palm Oil region & bearing the name of Gruded. Soil rich, surface flat being the on the bank of a large creek flowing leisurely to the North West.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours more hard walk & we reached Boom-Boom two scattered & declining villages situated on the opposite sides of a beautiful & rapid creek & each on a high point of land. From one of these we could see distinctly some other high peaks to the southward - of which it is said can be seen from the highest point of the Cape Monsurado. About Boom-Boom the land is very good, but much of the way between it and the large creek passed in the morning we travelled over rugged peaks & ridges & boggy hollows. Turning to the left at Boomboom we took the path for Millsburg, traversing the high hills seen a while before. After one half hour's rapid walking through this hilly & rugged country interspersed with bamboo & Palm we came suddenly to the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ town of Kayo inhabited by people of the Dey tribe. The head man on our approach had run into the bush or pelse where concealed himself. Kayo is small, but new & thrifty. The people very cowardly & disinclined to talk - none of my men but Jack the Kroomen could converse with them. This entire region was formerly the Dey possession but the tribe has declined & only fragments of them can here & there be found.

Our course from Boomboom to Kayo was nearly S.E.

Preceding one hour more in about the same direction, through a hilly district, the highest part of which no doubt forms the dividing ridge between the St. Paul & the more northern streams whose tributaries we crossed this morning we reached Delony. On the toops of these hills we saw numerous mounds the remains of native houses, these have been large villages here in former times. Some of the old sites were covered with trees of 50 years growth. The towns were evidently large, as well as the houses. From one of these hills we had a grand view of the South East country particularly - in this direction we saw numerous high hills in the dis- that the natives told us were on the South side of the St. Paul. Deling a Dey town old & decaying is worthy of special notice inasmuch as its inhabitants would furnish us nothing to eat. Their decline is not untimely. The world can spare that tribe.

Soco's town a Mandingo man with Boporah people is almost in sight of Deling & here we made no delay. On passing however we observed two unusually large country houses one at least 40 ft. long. From this town we passed on S. a little E. through the most beautiful & rich valley that I have been in Africa. Occasinally small round hillocks rise in the valley giving the country much the appearance of portions of Southern Ohio. Especially about Circleville. In half an hour we came to the town of Another Boporah Chiefs town built on a beautiful elevation in the midst of the valley. This chief Jolla Silla is a jolly old man with heavy beard mingled with grey & not closely shaven. He received us cordially & furnished a dish of rice. Many traders & porters here. One clump of Plantain trees near his town contains 55 trees all of which will bear within a few months & all were very thrifty. All moreover sprang from a single stalk. From this place I hastened the town of Bulla lived one of our own neighbors & giving him a brief call I came on home by 5 O'clock & was glad to find all well. And now O God my merciful Preserver receive my grateful acknowledgements of thy tender care for me & my deliverance from sickness & all dangers!



The distance from Muhlenberg to Gevey the highest point that I reached is I think about 45 miles although it has been thought to be more & the ~~direction~~ direction of Gevey from this place is nearly North East - perhaps a little East of that point. The St Pauls river I think has falls about every mile or two miles at most from here that place & a great part of the distance it is with islands of various sizes some of them perhaps one mile or more in length. The river perhaps on an average falls 5 ft. to the mile. Its course from here to Bagna about 10 miles is nearly East - from Bagna to ~~the~~ Gevey North of East perhaps northeast making a to the East. Above ~~the~~ Gevey from all I could learn its course leads more to the East. The ridge along which the Big Path runs most of the way runs very nearly parallel with the general course of the river through the distance now under consideration viz. from Gevey to this place. Iron Ore is I think abundant in many of the hills along the big path & in some others near Gevey & close to the river.

This short trip has tended to render my satisfaction with our own place more complete as I have seen none all things considered superior.

Wed. 13th

At home - Morning wrote some & arranged accounts. Have a visit from Rev. Ramlo & wife Episcopal missionaries of Cape Palmas. They are on their way to the U.S. By the Stevens. Very pleasant people. I learn from them however, that all the State Rooms are taken on the Stevens & therefore if I go I shall have to take steerage passage. I must go down & see about it.

Thurs. 14th

Went to Monrovia in the afternoon.

Frid 15th

Forenoon at Monrovia - Attending to various business. Engaged a passage home on the M.C. Stevens. Came up as far as Mr. Blacklidges.

Sat. 16

Rose early - in boat before 6 o'clock - on my way home - called several places & settled accounts - On reaching home both Bro & Sist. H. unwell. Wrote till late making out an invoice of Mission Goods &c. Retired weary & sad, because Mrs. H seems to be disposed to find fault & complain when I do all in conscience I can for her convenience & support.

We had a heavy rain attended with strong wind from the N.E. this evening.

Sund. 17th

An eventful day at Muhlenberg. In the morning at 10 I met the school children & had brief exercises, of singing repeating portions of Scripture &c. At 11 met some candidates for Church membership & lectured on the qualifications therefor & the duty of those connecting themselves with the church to grow in grace & every Christian virtue. And then organized a small congregation consisting of the following persons. Margaret Heigerd, received by letter from the M. E. Church, Francis & Eliza Jacobs received on profession of faith - Lucinda Arnet, received by letter from the Pres. Church & Phebe Eleanor Arnet received by Confirmation. Francis Jacobs was elected to the office of Elder, at the same meeting.



Afternoon at 2 O'clock held services again - inducted Bro. Jacobs into office - ~~He~~ Preached a short discourse on preparation for worthily partaking of the Communion - Administered the Communion to the above named members of the new ~~organization~~ organization & to bros. H. Heigerd & Melville of the Pres. Mission at Harrisburg & at the close of these exercises conferred license to preach & administer the Sacraments on Bro. H. Heigerd who had before leaving Ohio been examined before the East O. Synod had been admitted to licensure; but the committee appointed to confer the license failed to meet before we embarked. I also appointed him pastor of the little church organized here today. ~~At~~ Praise the Lord for his favors & goodness to me & to this infant mission. May his care ever be over the little church - May it soon increase in ~~number~~ number & may its members all grow in grace & at last enter into glory, Amen!

Mond. 18th

Wrote instructions to leave with bro. Heigerd & made some preparation for leaving. Weather very warm.

Tues

Rose early. Busy with numerous small matters most of the forenoon. Levelled the upper falls of the river at our place - found the falls to be about 6 ft. - this with the  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft of the lower falls & the descent of the stream between the two would make upward of 12 ft that the river falls in less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile. There is therefore a good mill site. Afternoon bade our Mission children goodbye & started for Monrovia - having to stop at several places on the way. Did not reach Monrovia till near midnight - felt unwell - Every body having retired I lay down on the counter of Mr. Millers store who was with me & did likewise.

Wed. 20th

Sick this morning - a chill - high fever - no appetite - In bed at Mr. James part of the afternoon. Took medicine this evening.

Thurs. 21st

Still sick in the morning - had a restless night last night & rose much prostrated from medicine & fever & yet the fever continued.

Frid. 22nd

Bro Heigerd came down late last night & this morning I started out with him to close up some business preparatory to my leaving & his returning to the Mission, but I soon became too sick to continue on my feet - came to Bishop Burns & lay down - a chill - high fever - distress in the head till near evening - This evening able to walk about the house. Rain during the afternoon - as well as before day this morning.

Sat. 23rd

Felt better this morning but am very weak. After attending to various items of business I bade Bro & Sist. Heigerd farewell & they set out for Muhlenberg while I here await the sailing of the Stevens. This is the day on which we were to sail but I learned this morning that it is postponed till Tues. next. I am not sorry, as I have a few little matters yet to attend to & besides am too unwell to embark with comfort.

Sund. 24th

Much prostrated this morning - could hardly walk to breakfast. Slight fever. Have used much Quinine during the last few days. Afternoon agreeably to engagement I tried to preached in the Pres. Ch. but was too feeble & body & mind - spoke with but little effect.



Mond. 25th

I learn this morning from Dr. Hall that the Stevens will probably remain here till the last of this week waiting for the American & English mail from Palmas. It is to be brought up by the little steamer Seth Grosvenor.

Today dined on board the Stevens & boarded the Ocean Eagle now lying in the harbor but to sail to night for New York. Rev. Best with whom I became acquainted at Sierra Leone 8 years ago & Rev. St John of the home mission - Gaboon are passengers, also their wives. Mr. St Johns goes home much disheartened in regard to the work in the Gaboon.

Tues. 26th

Last night the Ocean Eagle sailed for New York - I sent no letters as I hope the Stevens will reach the American coast first. Have felt some better today but am still unwell. Slight fever & weakness attended with headach & Nausea are the principal symptoms - No word from the Mail Boat yet.

Wed. 27th

Had a letter from bro. Heigerd this forenoon - All well at the Mission. Have a little fever today - also some slight chills. Why this attack so clings to me I cannot tell. I take Quinine regularly.

Thurs.

Wrote to bro. Heigerd this morning - Put my baggage on board this afternoon - The mail came in today - but brought me no papers nor letters - but from the papers received by others I see that S.C. has seceded from the Union & has erected her own Standard - has taken possession of some of the fortresses & the arsenal at Charleston - has captured a revenue Cutter - & sent a delagation to Washington to treat with the U.S. Government. There is great excitement in the Southern States conventions are held in many of them to consider the question of secession & Northern men are treated with much contempt & scorn in all the South. Warlike preparations are going on North & South. Perhaps by the time we reach the American Coast hostilities will have commenced - perhaps peace may be restored - but it appears to me probable that the difficulty will not be so soon settled. We may be detained by Virginia when passing up the Chesapeake Bay. The news from the Liberian troops to the leeward are that there have been two battles - the natives defeated in both with a lossof over two hundred - 3 Liberians killed & a number wounded. The natives hie for peace.

### MARCH 1st 1861

Frid. 1st

On board M. C. Stevens - harbor of Monrovia. This evening I came on board expecting to sail tonight with the land breeze. The number of our passengers I do not know but the state rooms are all occupied & three of us are obliged to sleep in the steerage. I rejoice to set out for home & now pray God if it be his will to preserve me to meet again my beloved wife & little ones. I also pray that I be enabled during the voyage to conduct myself in a Christian manner. There are on board some persons who do not profess Christianity but are disposed readily to criticise the conduct of those who profess piety. May my gracious master enable me to be useful to some one during this voyage.

Friday March 8th

We took up anchor at Monrovia last Saturday morning at 4 Oclock & made tolerable progress during that day but since have had calms & very light winds, with now & then a slight & transient tornado. I have been unwell much of the time, owing to a severe cold taken the day of embarkation. Have therefore read but little & have written none. As I will need the instructions that I gave bro. Heigerd on leaving the Mission for future reference, I will here transcribe them from a blotted copy that I brought along.



Being now about to return home & leave you in charge of Muhlenberg Mission, I deem it proper to furnish you the following Statements & instructions in writing for your future reference - a copy of which I will also hand to the Chairman of the Committee in order that the arrangements now made may be fairly understood by all.

### Salary

I will recommend to the Committee that you receive a salary of \$400 annually & have the right to use all the vegetables you may need out of the products of the Mission Farm, the privilege of raising on the premises your own poultry & of keeping two cows - All other stock to be long to the Mission.

In addition I allow \$100 for the hire of assistants in the School & on the Farm.

### The School

The present regulations relative to morning & evening devotions - Sessions of School & hours of labor, I wish to be continued, unless there be good reasons for a change.

Religious instruction & religious exercises, especially singing, should be mingled with the other daily teachings of the school. Let it be your constant object to have the scholars commit to memory portions of Scripture, hymns &c.

The number of children in the School & Mission should not at any time exceed 40 - the number with which we began - but on the other hand it is desirable that it do not fall below 30.

### Mission Lands

Be careful to prevent any trespass on the Mission lands, & those of the Reservation, especially the destruction or removal of timber. Also try to keep the lines & corners already made distinctly marked. The timber along Susan Creek near the watering place, & also that on the north-east corner of the Mission land & along the river should be preserved for future use.

None of the lots of the Reservation are to be given to settlers, until you hear again from me or the Committee on this subject except the lot No 3 of the Western Reservation promised to W. Williams, & he is to be recommended to the Government, so as to procure a deed, only when he shall have settled on the lot.

### The Farm

The live fence commenced from the Mission yard to the river should be completed as soon as possible, & the two portions of land thus formed between the Mission yard & the river should also be inclosed with a hedge, as also should the Mission yard. The lime hedge, ~~hedge~~ perhaps, will be most easily raised, & most serviceable; & it may be, that the best method of forming it, is to plant the seed at once along the line of the intended hedge.

Next to the growing of vegetables necessary for the use of the Mission & the planting of various fruit trees, the rearing of a Coffee orchard is to be the great object of the Manual Labor Department of the Mission. Ground should be made ready for the planting of about 400 trees at the beginning of the next rains (the trees to be purchased) & a nursery should be commenced at the same time by planting 2000 or more of the Coffee berries. The spaces between the trees, while small, should I think, be cultivated in Potatoes, Ground Peas, Ginger &c.

The lower lot of land between the Mission yard & the river is to be devoted to tillage & the upper lot to pasturage.

In addition to the \$100 salary of Assistants, already mentioned, I authorize you to expend fifty dollars in the hire of laborers to plant hedges & coffee trees &c during the six months commencing March the first of the present year.



### Buildings

The Chapel is to be finished by putting on the window shutters, a <sup>door</sup>-plain seats & a platform, with a fronting, on the North east end. The shutters & door &c are to be painted & the outside white-washed.

The house erected during the last Rains, is to have no additional work done to it, except some slight changes in the partitions to render it more suitable for the accommodation of assistants & such of the Mission children as may be taken into it.

Some apartment of it is to be the dining room for the children.

The Mission House now in course of erection, is to be completed by lining the two lower rooms of the main building the South upper room of the same, & the rear bed chamber below with boards - by putting up inclosed stairs, thus making partitions to the rooms - by putting up a piazza in front on the foundation already laid - by putting on batin window shutters, & by painting the outside with three coats & the inside with two. The rear outside is to be whitewashed.

### Mission Stores

The Mission goods now on hand, for sale, should be applied as much as possible in purchasing lumber for the buildings & in the payment of work done on the buildings & farm. And it is desirable that any which cannot thus be disposed of, be sold & the means applied to the expenses of the Mission. If you draw goods from the Liberian Government in support of the Congo children, they can be used in clothing the children, or sold & the means applied to meet general expenses.

### Mission Funds

Whatever funds may be on hand on my embarking I will deposite with D. B. Warner & Son at Monrovia & remit you their due bill for the amount.

If you draw cash or bills of Exchange from the Liberia Government, on account of Cargoes, you can deposit the cash with Warner & Son or ~~sell~~ sell them the Bills & taking their due bills for the amount, can draw from them as you need.

### The Church

As there is now a Church organization at the Mission & as you are licensed to preach the Gospel & administer the Sacraments, I appoint you pastor of the Church, for the present, hoping however that before long some other persons may join the Mission & the labors be divided.

It is advisable that the members of the Church come together for religious instruction & worship twice in the week - once on the Lords day when there should be preaching or a bible lesson - & again on Wednesday evening for prayer & the reading of the Scriptures. The other part of the Lords day should be taken up with religious instruction & devotional exercises, with the Mission children.

The Holy Communion should be administered four times in the year at least, & at stated periods.

### Reports

It is advisable that you communicate as often as possible with the corresponding Secretary or Chairman of the Committee, & a formal report should be rendered at least every six months - showing the general state of the work - the expenses of building, improvement of lands - & of clothing & food for the Mission children.

And now my dear brother I earnestly pray that the Divine presence may be with you in all your labors & trials & that your work may have abundant success.

Yours

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M. Officer.

Muhlenberg Miss.  
Feb. 18th 1861



Chesapeake Bay  
April 4th 1861

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We are now within sight of Baltimore & in an hour perhaps will make wharf. Thank God that I again am in my native land, & that although I have suffered considerably from a severe cold contracted about the time of embarking & from an attack of fever in the latter part of the voyage yet I am now pretty well.

We had no storm - a tolerably short voyage - 32 days - pleasant company - good accommodations & an accommodating Capt. & Officers & Crew.

I regret that I have not been more useful to other than I have - but rejoice that I have been able to read very considerable as we have a good library on board.

Springfield O. Jan. 1st 1862.

On the 1st of June last I began preaching to the English Lutheran Church here as a supply for four months & at the expiration of that time received & accepted a call as pastor of the same.

In taking charge I did not contemplate a long stay among these people as I did not consider my ability as a preacher sufficient for the position, but as the Church was suffering somewhat from the effects of the war & also from the dissensions that had sprung up in it a year before & therefore could not perhaps at that time command the services of such a man as the place demands, I accepted the call with the hope of removing some of the obstacles to the prosperity of the Church & this in the course of a year to prepare the way for the election & support of a suitable minister. I therefore agreed to take a small salary - but did not let this be known before the election - & have been as active in reconciling those that were somewhat disaffected as the state of my health would admit of. But I have heartily cooperated with the Council in removing such members as would not become reconciled nor would live in peace with those who were most exemplary & faithful in every duty.

My efforts have been attended with some success - audiences are larger & more attentive. - Pews nearly all rented - some small debts have been paid & the members now in the Church are at peace with each other & with me. On the 27th of Dec last they made us a donation visit which notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather was largely represented & the articles brought amounted to about \$70 & are of the most useful kinds. This may be regarded as an expression of Christian sympathy & as such affords me much encouragement.

And now, this placed, as I believe, by the providence of God, in a most important field, presented already with some tokens of divine ~~favor~~ favor on my work & also some evidences of favor from the peopleXX I desire anew to consecrate myself to the work before me & during the new year upon which I have just entered to labor more earnestly & live more devoutly than I have ever done before.

Feb. 2nd 1862

Having at several of our Council meetings during the last few weeks seen a disposition to pass over the unruly and even wicked conduct of Mrs. S. who I am convinced is not only in league with the open enemies of this congregation, but is in many other respects unworthy of a place in the Church unless she reforms & having some additional evidence that the express condition on which I agreed to remain here - namely that the authority of the Church should be strictly maintained - would not be carried out I this day tendered to the Council a written resignation of of the pastorate of this church to take effect immediately or at most not later than the first of May.

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Feb. 16th 1862

Today I received by baptism & Confirmation into the Church sixteen persons most of whom were the fruit of a protracted meeting held here during the last three weeks. Had a very large number present at Communion.

March 9th 1862.

Having now clear evidence that there cannot be a united ~~vote~~ vote in the Council on the suspension of Mrs. S. & being fully convinced that inaction & delay in her case would only lead to greater trouble in the Church & would be a clear violation scriptural directions in regard to slanderers, Faultfinders & disorder & disobedience in general, I this day announced to the Church, after sermon, that in two weeks from today I would preach my last sermon as pastor of the Church. And at the same time informed the Church in regard to the reasons of my leaving. Viz That the explicit condition on which I accepted the Church had been & would as I believed continue to be violated.

This wavering - unfaithfulness - on the part of the council & the consequent necessity for my leaving - as I am persuaded no considerable good can be accomplished while the authority of the Church is utterly disregarded - has caused me much sorrow, but I have some comfort in the fact that God has made me instrumental here in the conversion of some souls from sin to righteousness.